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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/595,445	Applicant(s) KELDMANN ET AL.	
	Examiner /Steven O. Douglas/	Art Unit 3771	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 April 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 17 and 18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 5-16 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election without traverse of Species I. (claims 1-4 and 17-18) in the reply filed on 4/16/09 is acknowledged. Accordingly, claims 5-16 are withdrawn from further consideration by Examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims 1-4 and 17-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In regard to claim 1, Applicant's use of terminology such as "preferably" (line 2) renders the claims indefinite as should be avoided.

Also in regard to claim 1, Applicant's use of alternate language (i.e. "or") on lines 5 and 8 renders the claim indefinite and should be avoided.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Keldmann et al. (US 5,797,392) in view of GB'293 (GB 2 270 293).

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The Keldmann et al. reference discloses an inhaler apparatus comprising a tubular body with corrugations 12 defining a whirl chamber, a dose of at least one inhalable substance and a cap closing the ends of the tubular body. The Keldmann et al. device is loaded with a device that severs the ends of a capsule-type holder (see Fig. 12 and 13). However, the Keldmann et al. reference fails to disclose a means for releasing and dispensing said substance associated with cap. The GB'293 reference discloses another inhaler apparatus including a cap 19 defining a closed compartment that is arranged to hold an inhalable substance with a means for releasing and dispensing said substance (see the piercable/tearable foil arrangement in Fig. 6 and 7). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the cap of Keldmann et al. to include a means for releasing and dispensing said substance as, for example, shown by the GB'293 reference wherein so doing would merely amount to the substitution of one type loading arrangement for another that would work equally as well.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The Keldmann'848 et al. reference discloses another inhaler arrangement with a bent tube similar to that of Applicant's.

Claims 4, 17 and 18 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to /Steven O. Douglas/ whose telephone number is (571) 272-4885.

The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs 6:30-5:00.

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